ADOT tells drivers to beware of I-17 this week

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Drivers in the North Valley need to beware of the freeways this week.

Construction along Interstate 17 north of Loop 101 is expected to cause road delays through Friday.

One lane will be restricted in both directions from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. until the weekend.

In addition to the lane restrictions, the freeway shoulders are expected to be closed.

Why all the construction?

Crews are building freeway interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive.

Future changes will also include the addition of two lanes on I-17 from Loop 101 to the Carefree Highway, one lane in each direction from the Carefree Highway to Anthem Way, and several new interchanges to improve traffic flow in the area.

The Arizona Department of Transportation says construction should be finished in 2010.

In the meantime, ADOT says drivers should slow down and pay careful attention to temporary lane markers.

A listing of all freeway and highway restrictions throughout Arizona can be found on ADOT's Travel information site, www.az511.com